



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

SOCIAL, HEALTH & ALZHEIMER'S COMMITTEE (SHAC) MEETING MINUTES

January 12, 2012

2:30 – 4:00 pm

Arizona Capitol Complex, Executive Tower
3rd Floor Pharmacy Board Room
1700 W. Washington Street,
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Council Members, Liaisons & Participants Present

Charles Brown, Bernadine Hoffman, Anne Morrison (Committee Chair), Allison Perrin, Joe Woods, Susan Archer, Karla Averill, Michelle Barth, Ann Benson, Mary Busch, Mary Cosaboom, Susan Cypert, Johannah Uriri Glover, Elizabeth Harris, Beverly Heasley, Debera Kopp, Christie Kramer, Steve Laughary, Karen Richards, Deborah Schaus, Emma Violante, Julia Wacloff, Hannele Waissi, and Joan Zecherle.

Council Members Absent

Kati Bates, George Evanoff, and Elizabeth Rohn-Nelson.

Council Staff Present

Cathy De Lisa, Kim Jennings and Jena Grady, Intern.

Guest Present and Signing In

Kerry Ramela, Lori Kleinschmidt, and Tim Flood.

Welcome, Introductions, Review & Approval of Minutes

Committee Chairwoman Anne Morrison called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. A welcome and introduction period followed. Following a review of the September 22, 2011 SHAC draft minutes, *Bernadine Hoffman made a motion to approve as presented; Susan Archer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.* Following a review of the November 3, 2011 SHAC draft minutes, *Debera Kopp made a motion to accept as presented; Elizabeth Harrison seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.* Following a review of the November 3, 2011 Oral Health Sub-Committee draft minutes, *Steve Laughary made a motion to accept as written; Emma Violante seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Presentation

Deborah Schaus, Executive Director of the Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter, provided an Alzheimer's educational presentation as requested by the members of SHAC at the November 3, 2011 meeting. The presentation included the basics of memory loss, dementia and Alzheimer's Disease; outlined typical changes in memory vs. problematic changes; described the types of dementia and changes caused by dementia; listed irreversible types of dementia;

described mild cognitive impairment and provided a definition of Alzheimer's Disease. The presentation also included a description of brain functions, an example of a healthy brain vs. severe one from a person with severe Alzheimer's disease, list of major risk factors, outline of where to turn for assessment and information on where to find support once the diagnosis is received. A copy of the presentation is available for review at the Council on Aging office.

Follow-up on SHAC Brainstorming and Executive Committee Recommendations to the Council on 2012 Priorities

Anne Morrison, Committee Chairwoman opened the discussion with a review of the Executive Committee Recommendations to the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging for 2012, December 8, 2011. By general consensus, members of SHAC agreed to the continuation of the Oral Health Sub-Committee efforts with a focus on the Year 3 goals and objectives of the Three-Year Work Plan; the invitation to the Marketing & Outreach Task Force to help build awareness of Council initiatives such as oral health, hearing loss, and fall prevention; efforts to investigate for the Legislative and Policy Coordinating Committee, hearing aid insurance coverage; and support for the efforts of the Alzheimer's Task Force. A discussion of training and oversight of direct care and home care workers resulted in a request for more information. It was noted that legislation had been dropped related to this topic and those working in the field might report out to the members of SHAC related to training, development of registries, or oversight. A copy of the Executive Committee Recommendations to the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging for 2012, December 8, 2011 is available for review through the Council on Aging office.

Discussion – Oral Health Sub-Committee Year 3 Goals & Objectives – Avoiding duplication with MOLAR and Other Oral Health Groups

Committee Chairwoman Anne Morrison asked Steve Laughary to provide an overview of the MOLAR – Maricopa County Oral Health Leaders Advocate and Resources coalition's mission as well as goals for 2012 to help the members better understand potential for overlap or duplication of efforts. According to Mr. Laughary, the coalition is focused on Maricopa County and with the help of grant funding and personnel, MOLAR is working on building awareness of oral health needs of all ages. Mr. Laughary stated the Aging subgroup of MOLAR is working to provide presentations to assisted living homes, at the Arizona Geriatric Society, and provide certificates of recognition to dentists as well as continuing education units (CEUs). Deputy Executive Director Cathy De Lisa stated she had the opportunity to attend the MOLAR meeting recently and commended those members who have faithfully attended both meetings because the topics discussed and presentation provided mirrored what was happening at the Oral Health Sub-Committee and that it was her hope that duplication of effort could be avoided in order to make the best use of the time and energies of both SHAC members and GACA staff. Following a discussion, it was recommended by the SHAC Chairwoman that the Council's Oral Health Sub-Committee of SHAC might be the collection point for information from all the state oral health coalitions and help ensure the information is disseminated and best practices shared.

Announcements

- Elizabeth Harris announced the efforts of the Arizona Caregiver coalition for the November conference were a huge success; David Besst has been asked to replicate a registry from another state and a report would be forthcoming from him to SHAC.

- Steve Laughary announced the Assisted Living Home Association would meet on the 25th of the month at Glendale YMCA; the MEAPA Elder Abuse Alliance would meet on the 27th of January at the Area Agency on Aging, Region One at 9 am; the next MOLAR coalition meeting is on February 10th; the next Arizona Coalition of Assisted Living will meet on January 31st at Southwest Ambulance, 708 W. Baseline in Mesa, Arizona.
- Karen Richards announced the Arizona Fall Prevention Coalition meets on February 1st at 9:00 am, Area Agency on Aging, Region One.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. by Committee Chairwoman, Anne Morrison.

Next Meeting:

The next Social, Health & Alzheimer's Committee is scheduled for March 8, 2012; location to be confirmed and announced via public meeting notice on the Advisory Council on Aging's website: www.azgovernor.gov/gaca. These meetings are open to the public.